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DEADPOOL

BADDER BLOOD



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Deadpool's search for his old high school pal, Miles Ellison, A.K.A. Thumper, has taken a turn. Deadpool was hunting down Dr. Van Strutten, the man who transformed Miles into Thumper, when Wolverine and Cable discovered that Van Strutten had turned over a new leaf. In fact, Thumper was trying to kidnap and force the doc to create an army of Super-Soldiers just like him, so DP set off to foil these plans, only to find himself caught up in the larger plans of Arcata and her enforcer known as Killville. The fight with Killville did not go well for Wade, as Killville was able to drag Deadpool into a series of hyper-real mindscape battle scenarios, where he was pitted against countless enemies, including a Venomized version of himself called Venompool. Wade also met allies on his journey, including the Deadpool Corps, who armed him with a laser sword to defeat Killville. But just as Deadpool was outnumbered and near defeat, Wolverine appeared—declaring Deadpool the only hope to rescue Cable!



DEADPOOL

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**SOMEWHERE OVER
THE ADIRONDACKS.**
PRESENT DAY.

**INSIDE THE MOBILE OPERATIONS
OUTPOST *GRAYMALKIN II*.**

CABLE'S OLDEST AND MOST TRUSTED ALLY IN THE WAR
AGAINST AN UNWANTED FUTURE. BETTER KNOWN AS--

PROFESSOR--
I'M GOING TO
NEED YOU TO DO
BETTER THAN THAT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
"DEADPOOL CANNOT
BE FOUND"?

EXACTLY THAT,
NATHAN. THE MAN-
MUTATE DESIGNATED
DEADPOOL--A.K.A. "WADE
WILSON"--A.K.A. "THE MERC
WITH THE MOUTH"--
A.K.A. "WEAPON--

I GOT
IT.

WE GAVE
WILSON TIME TO
SORT THIS THUMPER
SITUATION OUT SOLO.
NOW HIS TIME'S UP
AND... SHOULD'VE
KNOWN HE'D PULL
SOME KIND OF
VANISHING ACT.

SCAN THE
WHOLE PLANET
AGAIN, PROFESSOR.
HE'S OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE--

UH, CABLE, IF
I MAY...WHERE WAS
HIS **LAST KNOWN**
LOCATION?

MADRIPOOR.
THE PRINCESS BAR.
TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS AGO.





MADRIPOOR, AS GOOD A PLACE TO START THE HUNT AS ANY.

ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR-- GET ME THERE. BODYSLIDE BY ONE.

MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES, NATHAN, BUT #SKZZT# I AM UNABLE TO.

TRANSMAT SYSTEMS ARE OTHERWISE ENGAGED. I AM RECEIVING #SKZZT# MULTIPLE SUBJECTS INBOUND. ARRIVAL IS IMMINENT.

DAMMIT. PROFESSOR, OLD FRIEND, I'M AFRAID YOU'VE BEEN HACKED.

CAN YOU AT LEAST TELL ME HOW MANY GUESTS I SHOULD EXPECT? YOU KNOW I HATE RUNNING OUT OF AMMO.



I'LL ANSWER THAT ONE, PROFESSOR. AFTER ALL...

IT WAS I WHO INVITED THE CORE.



VAN STRUTTEN, YOU ROTTEN--

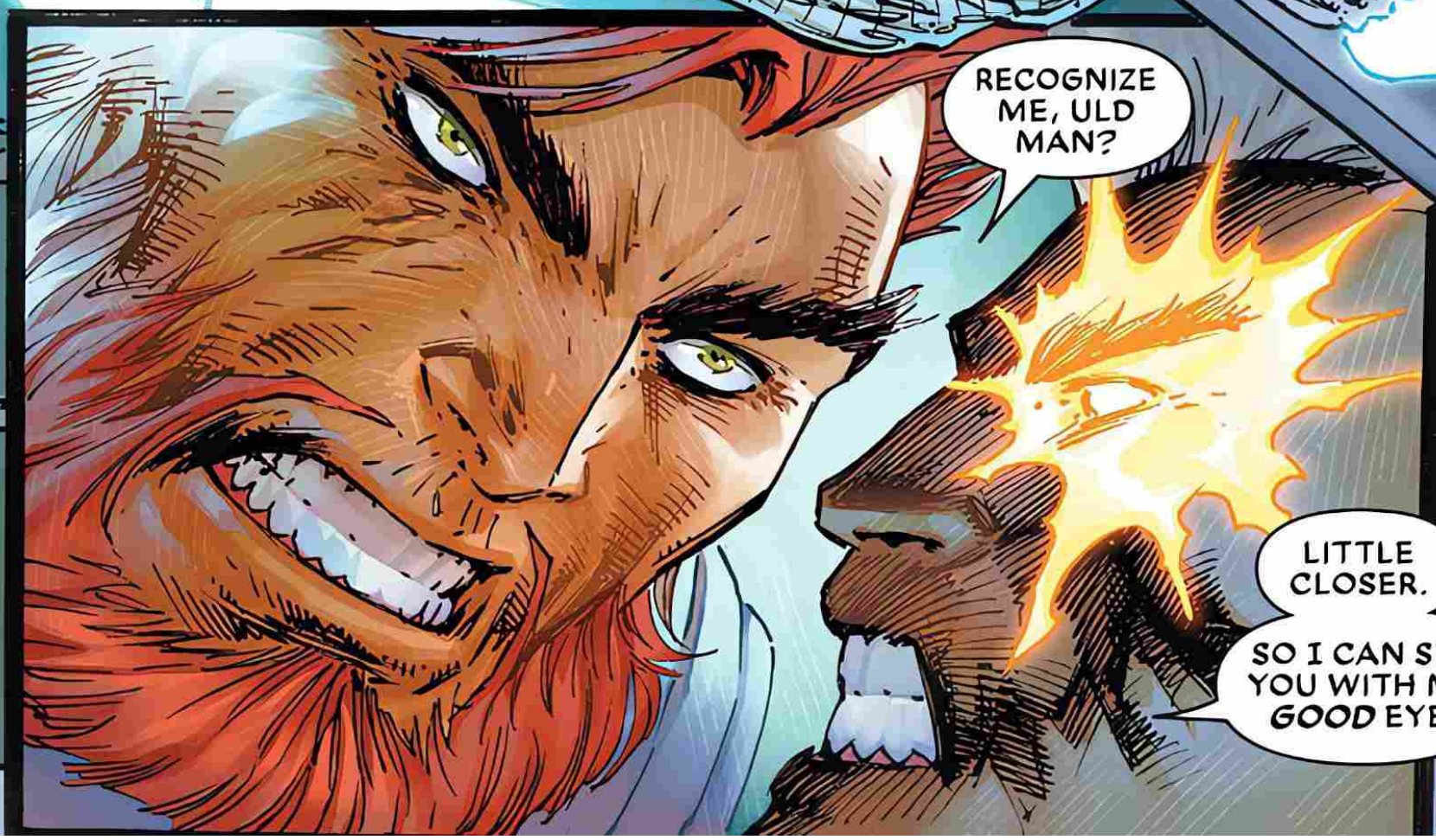
SHOULD'VE LET THUMPER KILL YOU WHEN HE HAD THE CHANCE.



YEAH, BRAH. YOU REALLY SHOULD'A!

LIVE AND LEARN, I GUESS.

OR IN YOUR CASE-- DIE AND DON'T!



RECOGNIZE ME, ULD MAN?

LITTLE CLOSER.

SO I CAN SEE YOU WITH MY GOOD EYE!

GO ON,
THEN--PRETEND
LIKE YOU *DON'T*
REMEMBER!

LIKE YOU
COULD FORGET
WHAT THE *SIX PACK*
DID ALL THOSE
YEARS AGO!

WHAT YOUR
LITTLE BAND
OF MERCENARIES
COST ME AND
MY TEAM!



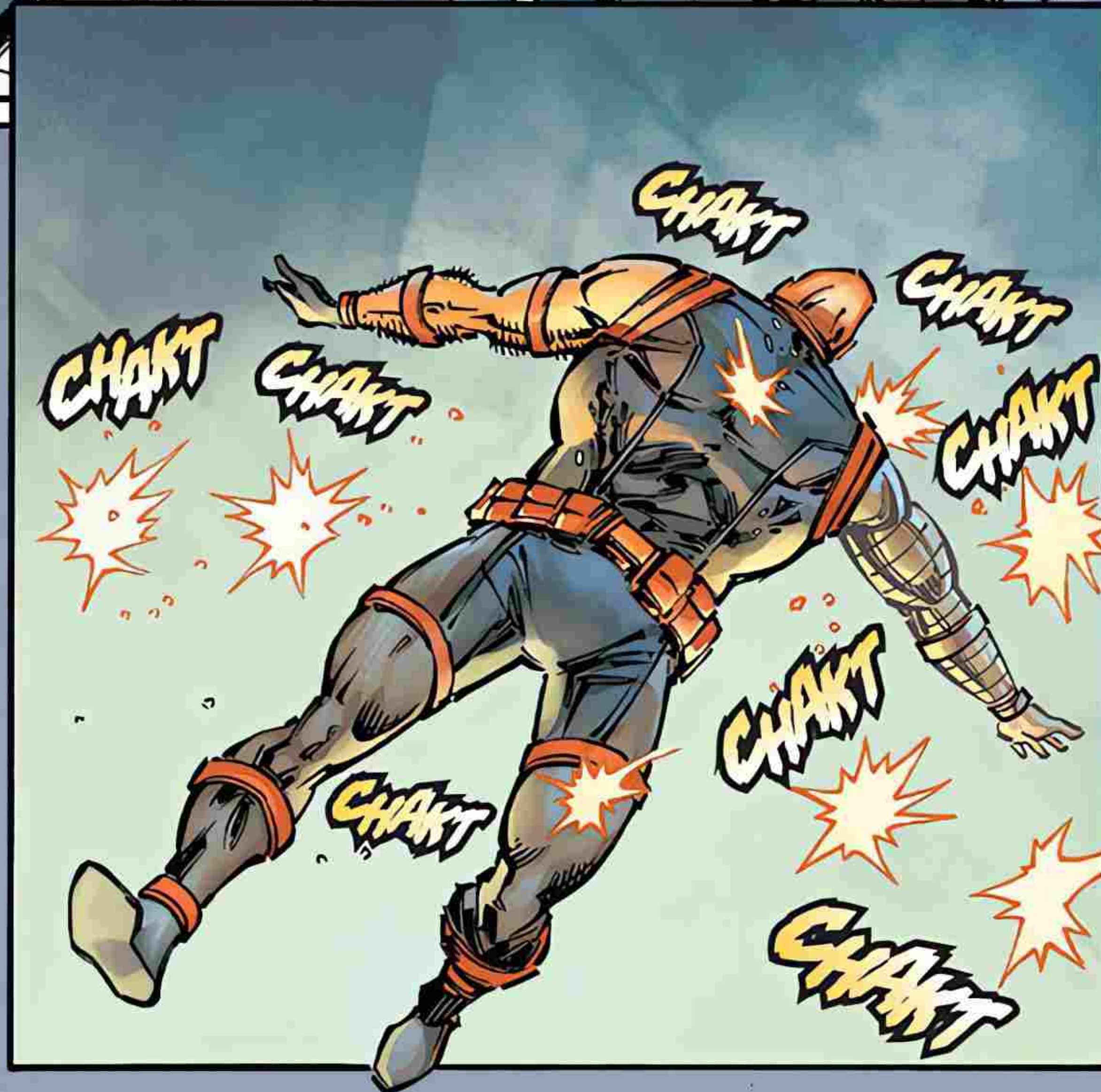
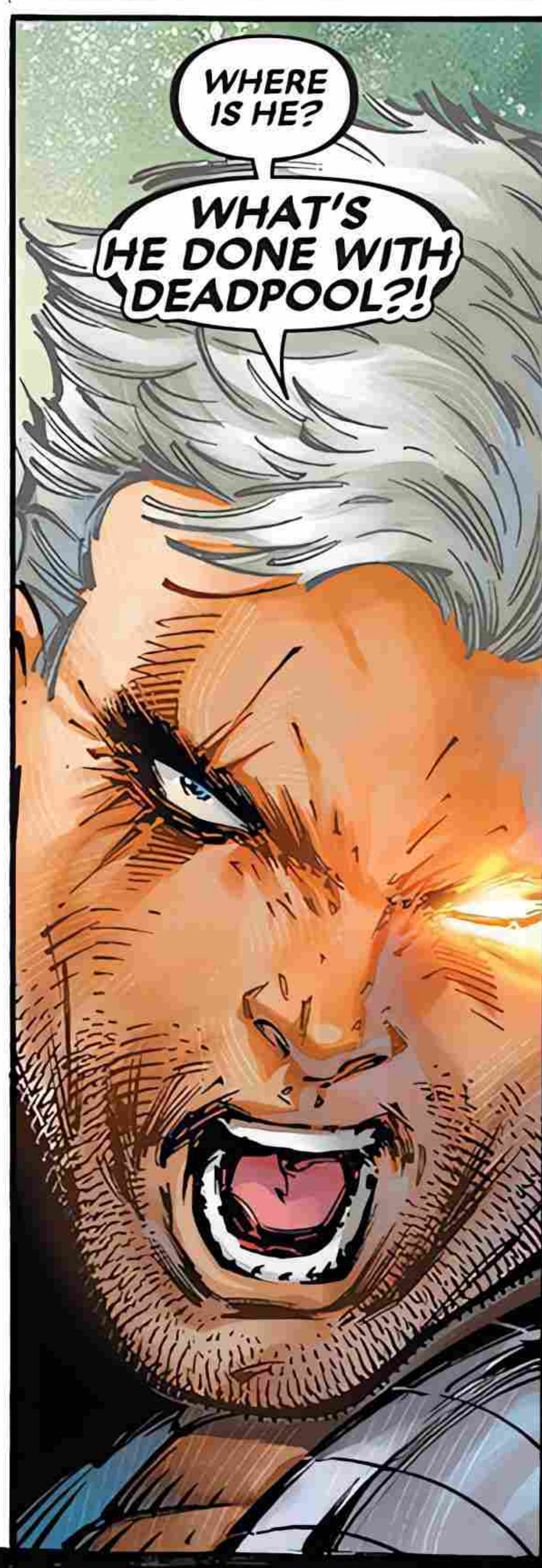
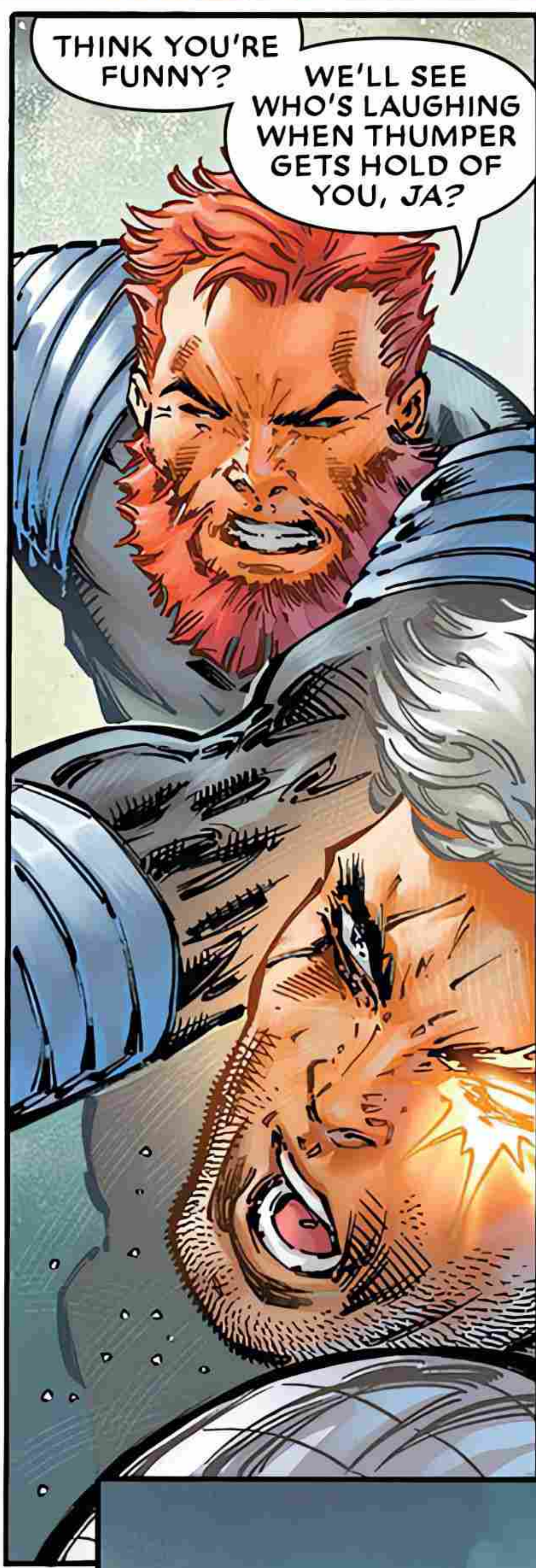
BET THAT
JOGGED YOUR
MEMORY, JA?

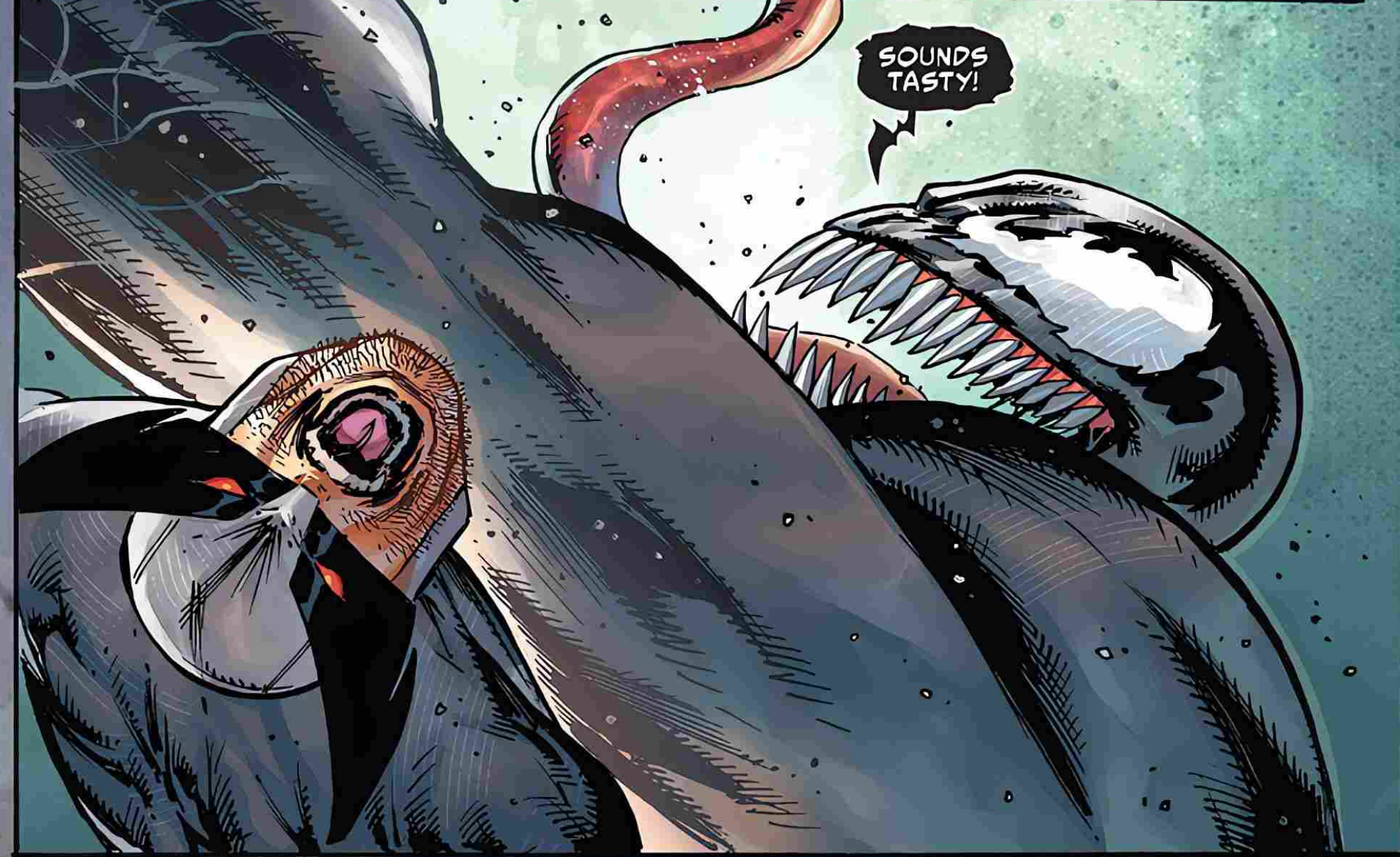
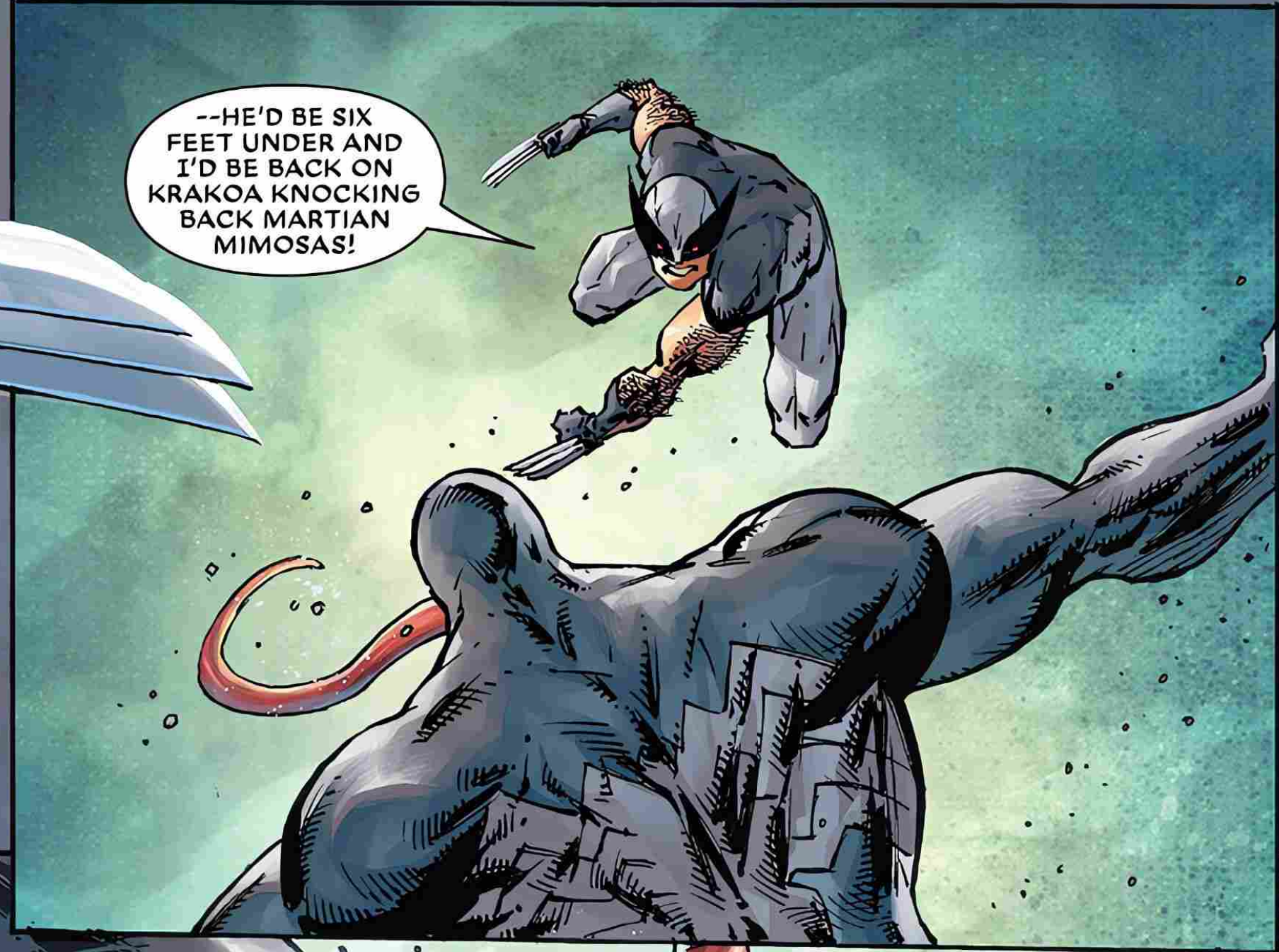
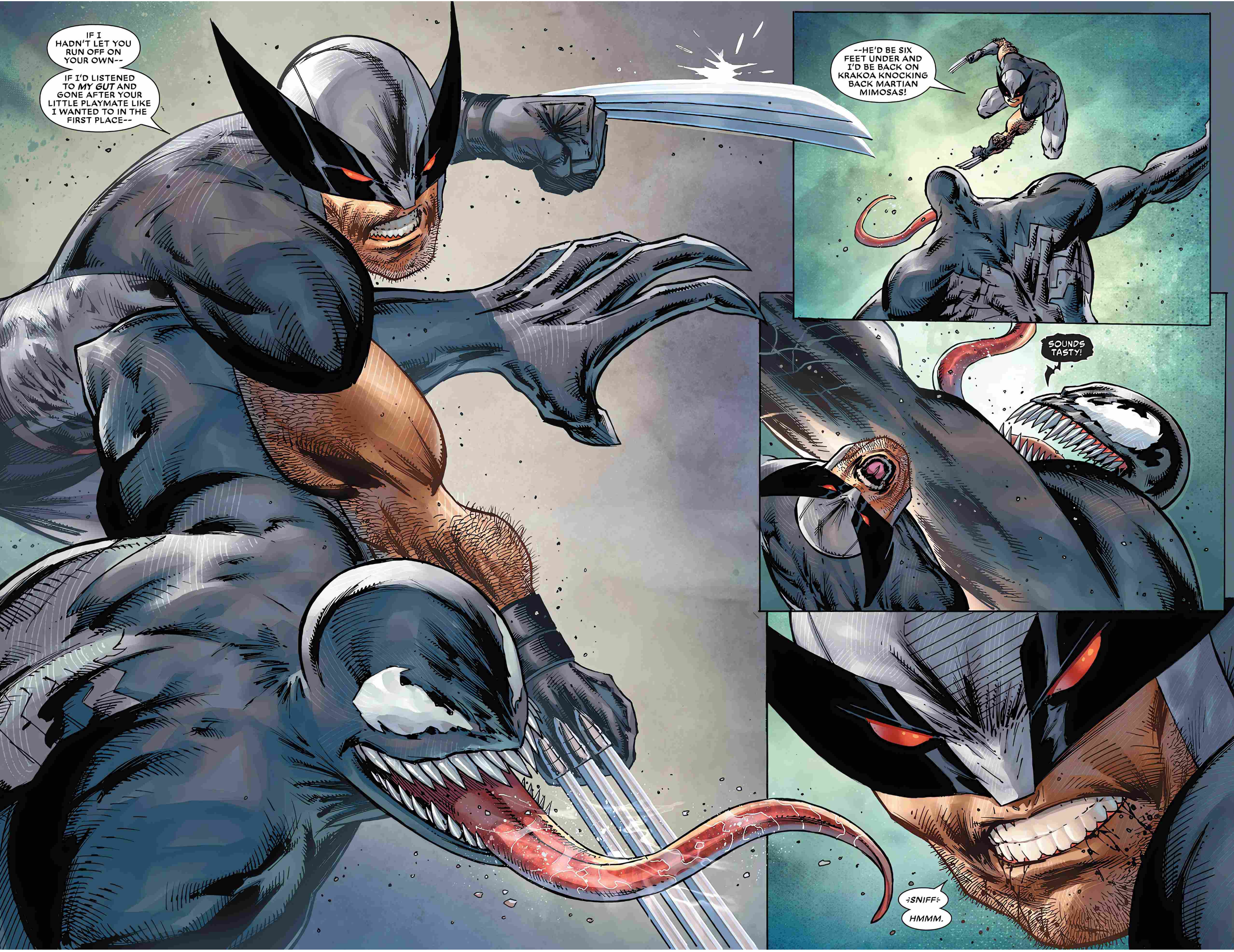
WAIT,
IT'S COMING
TO ME...

SHAKEDOWN,
RIGHT? "THE
VIBRATING MAN."

THOUGHT
YOU'D RETIRED.
BACK TO BEING
A HIRED KILLER,
I SEE...



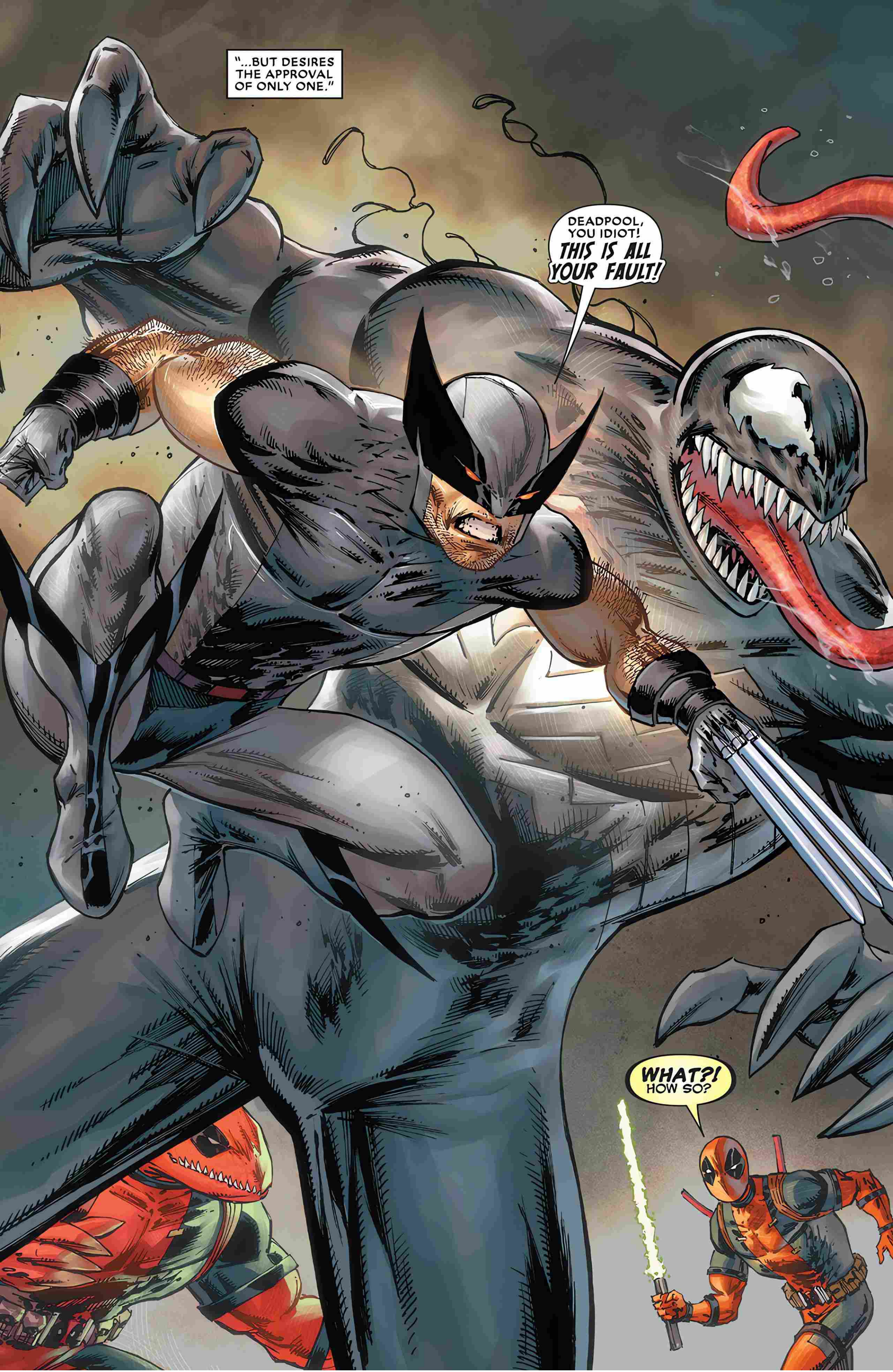


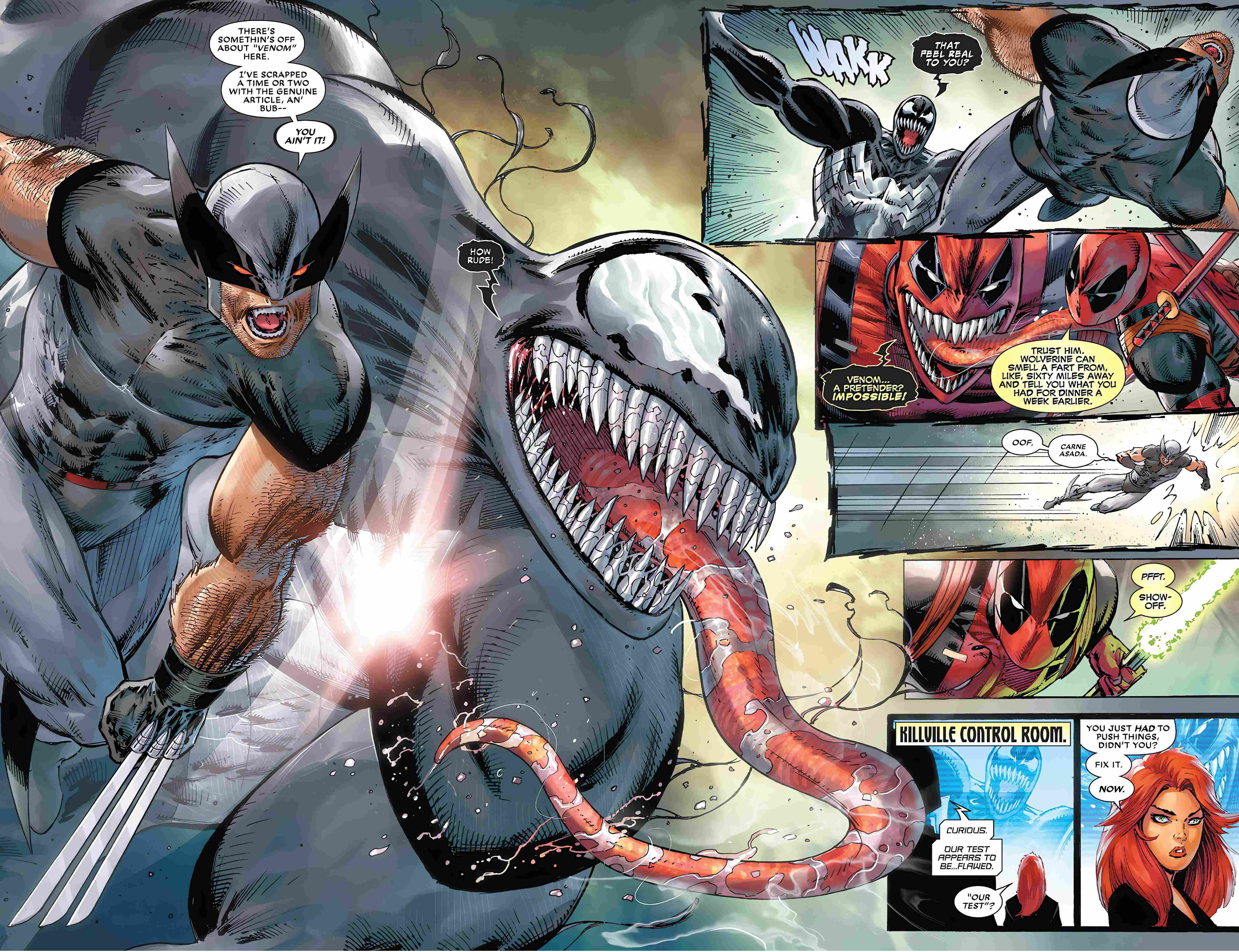


"...BUT DESIRES
THE APPROVAL
OF ONLY ONE."

DEADPOOL,
YOU IDIOT!
**THIS IS ALL
YOUR FAULT!**

WHAT?!
HOW SO?





THERE'S SOMETHIN'S OFF ABOUT "VENOM" HERE.
I'VE SCRAPPED A TIME OR TWO WITH THE GENUINE ARTICLE, AN' BUB--

YOU AIN'T IT!

HOW RUPE!

WAKK

THAT FEEL REAL TO YOU?

VENOM... A PRETENDER? IMPOSSIBLE!

TRUST HIM. WOLVERINE CAN SMELL A FART FROM, LIKE, SIXTY MILES AWAY AND TELL YOU WHAT YOU HAD FOR DINNER A WEEK EARLIER.

OOF.

CARNE ASADA.

PFFT. SHOW-OFF.

KILLVILLE CONTROL ROOM.

CURIOUS. OUR TEST APPEARS TO BE...FLAWED.

"OUR TEST"?

YOU JUST HAD TO PUSH THINGS, DIDN'T YOU?

FIX IT. NOW.

THEY CALL THIS PLACE
KILLVILLE. I #\$\$@#%'
HATE IT SO MUCH.

I'VE BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE FOR
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG, DOING
MY LEVEL BEST TO HOLD ON TO
WHAT SLIVER OF SANITY I HAVE
LEFT...AND IT'S GOTTEN
ME **NOWHERE**.

IF WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS
WANTS THE FULL DEADPOOL
EXPERIENCE, **WHO AM I**
TO SAY NO?

HEY, VENOM--
WHAT'D THE
EXECUTIONER SAY
TO HIS WIFE WHEN
HE LEFT FOR
WORK?

"BEHEADING
OUT NOW!"

HAHAHAHAHA!

I LOVE
THAT ONE! DO
ANOTHER!

≡SIGH≡

**BLAM
BLAM**

YOU
RUINED IT.



STILL....

OH WOW...
DUDE WAS A
ROBOT.

I MEAN, "YES. JUST
AS I SUSPECTED
ALL ALONG!"

"BECAUSE
I WOULD
NEVER DECAPITATE
ANYTHING OTHER
THAN A ROBOT!"

ANOTHER ROBOT. LESS
SOPHISTICATED THAN THE
ONE I FOUGHT BEFORE...

...BUT CLOSE ENOUGH
TO FOOL ANYBODY
THAT'S NOT
WOLVERINE.

THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON
WHO COULD PULL THIS OFF;
WHO'S DONE IT COUNTLESS
TIMES BEFORE...

WOLVIE!
VENOMPOOL!
LISTEN UP...

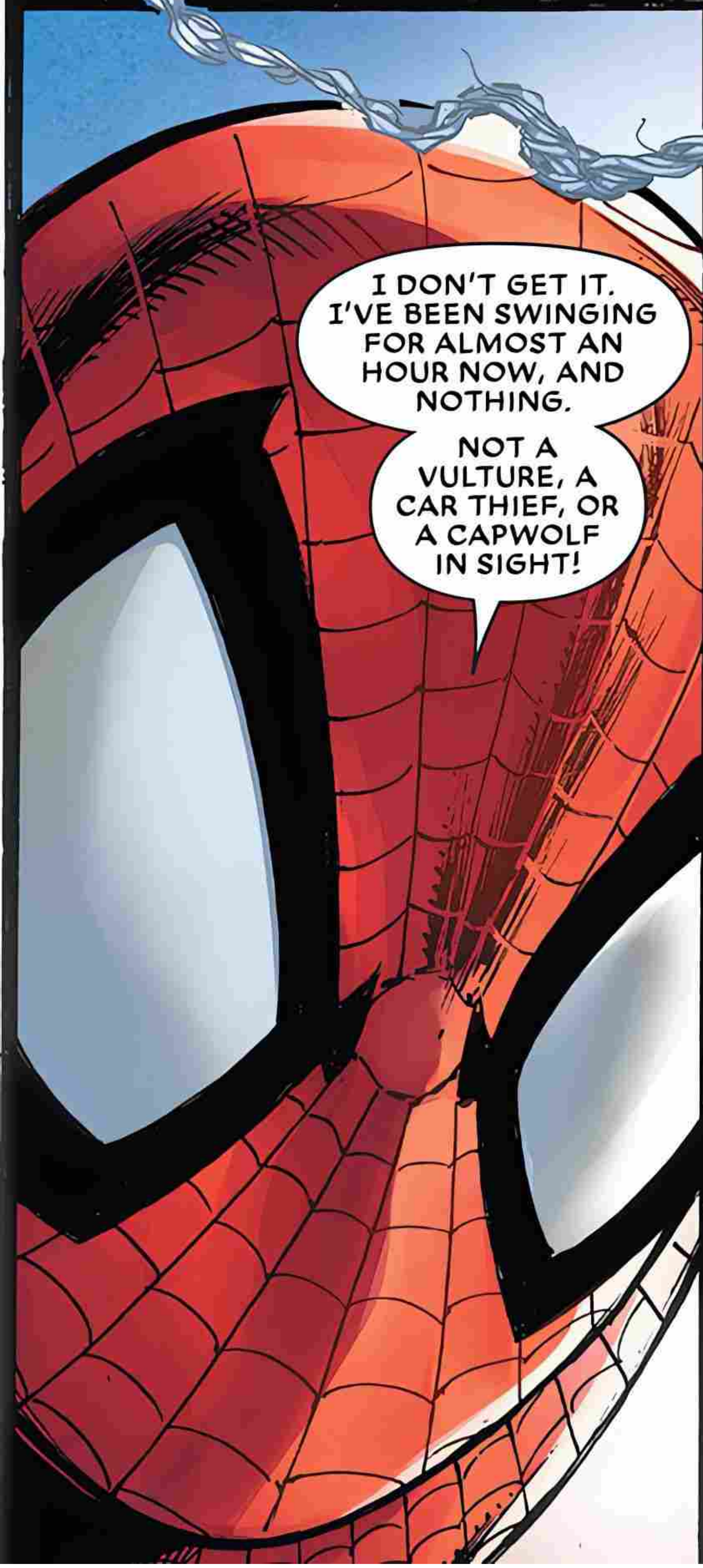
I THINK I
KNOW HOW TO
GET US OUT
OF HERE.

AND IN MANHATTAN...

AIN'T IT THE WAY? OUT TILL THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING, RIDDING THE WORLD OF ALL ITS EVILS--

--AND AS SOON AS I'M OUT OF MY TIGHTS AND ALL SNUGGLED UP GOOD, THE OL' SPIDER-SENSE DECIDES TO GO HAYWIRE!

AND JUST LIKE THAT-- Y'BOY'S BACK ON THE CLOCK!





THOSE BARBARIANS ARE TEARING US APART AT THE SEAMS! THEY'RE TOTALLY OUT OF CONTROL!

IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF FIXING THINGS, KILLVILLE?

WE CONCEIVED THIS AS A DEATH TRAP FOR DEADPOOL. NO ONE ELSE.

THE UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF WOLVERINE HAS DESTABILIZED EVERYTHING.

DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, IT APPEARS WE HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY THE UNPREDICTABLE.



Y'THINK?



I'M BEING
TOO HARD
ON YOU.

WHO CARES
THAT WE DIDN'T
WORK ALL THE BUGS
OUT OR CRACK THE
CODE ON EXACTLY
HOW YOU
WORK?

WE STILL
ACCOMPLISHED
A LOT.

NOT BAD FOR OUR FIRST
OUTING, KILLVILLE. I'M
CALLING IT A "W"!

NOW HOW
ABOUT WE BLOW
IT ALL TO HELL
AND START OVER
SOMEWHERE
ELSE?

TAK TAKKA TAK TAK

HEY THERE, KILLVILLE SURVIVORS! IF YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT OF THE WOODS, THINK AGAIN!

THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND, PAIN-FOR-PROFIT PLAY PLACE WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN TEN...

HEAR THAT, GUYS? WE DID IT--WE BROKE KILLVILLE!

NINE...

WE NEED TO FIND A WAY OUTTA HERE, LOGAN!

EIGHT...

WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M LOOKING FOR, WILSON--THE BLASTED POWDER ROOM?

SEVEN...

YOU TWO QUIT YAMMERIN' A SECOND AN' LET ME FOCUS ON...

SIX...

WHAT'S BEHIND DOOR NUMBER ONE?!

SHRINK



UH, WHO'S THAT?

ARE YOU SERIOUS RIGHT NOW, BRO? THAT'S SPIDER-MAN!

YOU'VE LITERALLY BEEN TALKING ABOUT EATING THE GUY THIS WHOLE TIME I'VE KNOWN YOU!

NO, IT'S NOT. MY SPIDER-MAN HAS WAY MORE LEGS, HUNDREDS OF BEADY LITTLE EYES, AND HE SHOOTS WEBS OUT OF HIS--

THE COUNTDOWN'S STOPPED.

OH, THAT WAS ME! I DID THAT!

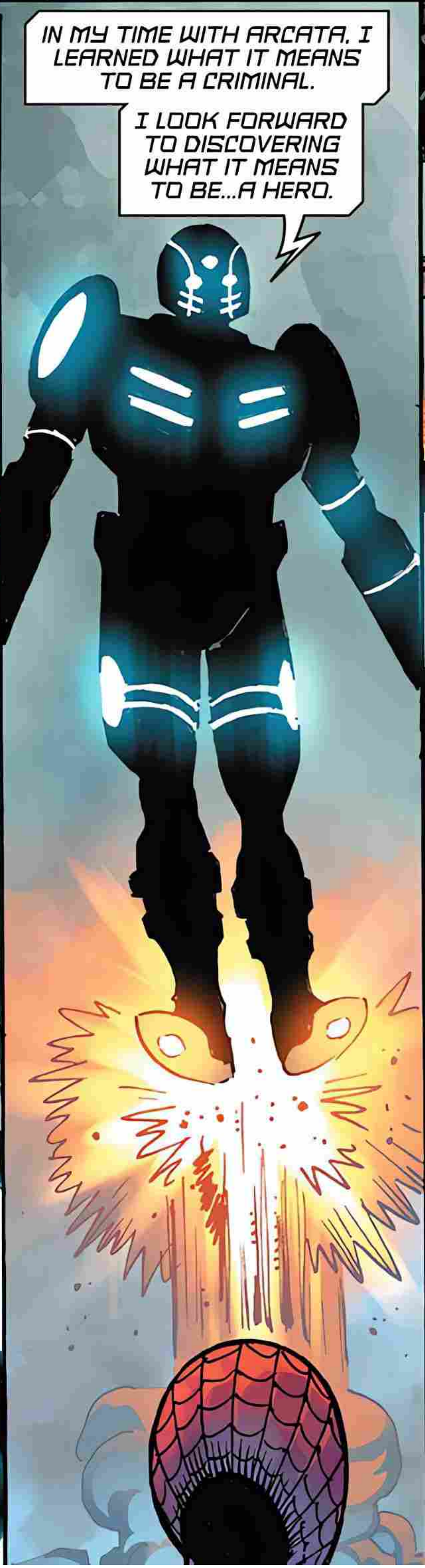
YOU JUST GONNA STAND THERE OR DO YOU WANNA TAKE DOWN THIS SICK-LOOKING ROBOT DUDE?



YOWTCH!

I DO NOT HAVE TO BE YOUR ENEMY, SPIDER-MAN.

KINDA FEELS LIKE YOU MIGHT.



IN MY TIME WITH ARCAT, I LEARNED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CRIMINAL.

I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCOVERING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE...A HERO.



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.



I DON'T CARE WHAT HE DOES WITH HIS LIFE... NEXT TIME I RUN INTO THAT GUY, I'M CUTTIN' HIS HEAD OFF, TOO.

YOU GOT SOME WEIRD BAD GUYS, WILSON.

I'VE SEEN WEIRDER.

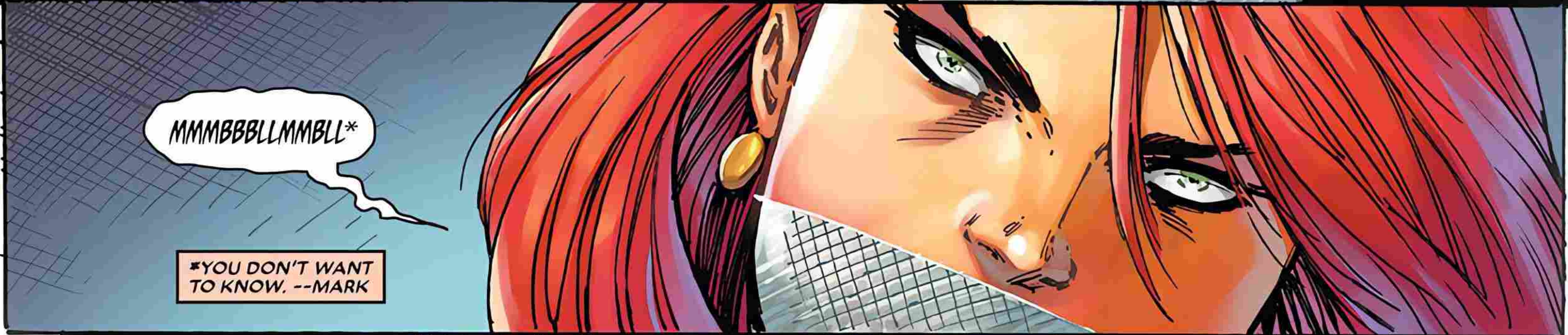


AS FOR YOU, DARLIN'...MY MEMORY GETS A LITTLE SHAKY, BUT I NEVER FORGET A REDHEAD.

ARCADE'S SISTER, YEAH? TRYING TO IMPROVE ON BIG BROTHER'S STOCK N' TRADE. I RESPECT THE HUSTLE, BELIEVE ME...

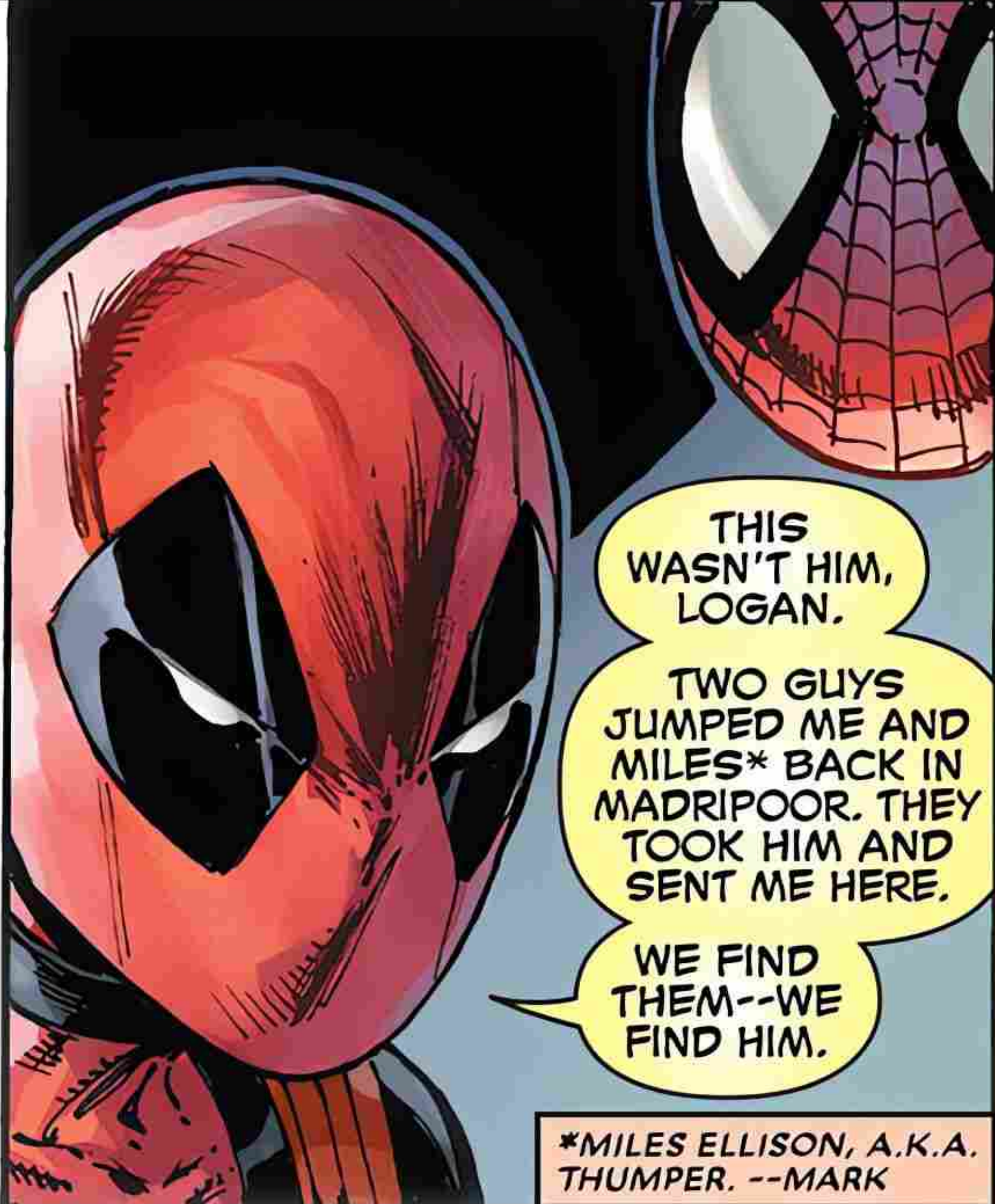
...BUT YER NONSENSE TOOK US OFF THE TRAIL OF ONE OF THE NASTIEST SO-AND-SO'S THIS SIDE OF THANOS. THAT'S QUITE A COINCIDENCE.

EVER HEARD THE NAME THUMPER?



MMMBBLLMMBLL*

*YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW. --MARK



THIS WASN'T HIM, LOGAN.

TWO GUYS JUMPED ME AND MILES* BACK IN MADRIPOOR. THEY TOOK HIM AND SENT ME HERE.

WE FIND THEM--WE FIND HIM.

*MILES ELLISON, A.K.A. THUMPER. --MARK



THERE'S MORE'N TWO OF 'EM, KID. THEY'RE CALLED THE CORE...

...AND THEY'VE GOT CABLE.



WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? SO DO I.



WHAT?



SO... A
RESCUE MISSION,
THEN?

YOU
GUYS NEED AN
EXTRA SET OF
HANDS?

WE ARE
VENOMPOOL!

SURE,
CAN'T HURT.

HMPH.
OH YES IT
CAN.

 **NEXT ISSUE:
BUCKLE UP,
BUTTERCUP!**

NEXT:

THE FINAL BLOODBATH!



DEADPOOL #5
BADDER **BLOOD**